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Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the 12 critical areas of concern in the Beijing Platform for Action

Further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action

Addendum

1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered Part IV of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session, on actions and initiatives to overcome obstacles and to achieve the full and accelerated implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part IV)), at its _____ meeting on _____ June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) Paragraph 100 (e) was revised to read as follows:

"Address the barriers faced by women, particularly by indigenous and other marginalized women, in accessing and participating in politics and decision-making, including lack of training, women's double burden of paid and unpaid work, negative societal attitudes and stereotypes;"

(b) Paragraph 102 (n) was revised to read as follows:

"Take necessary measures for the private sector and educational establishments to facilitate and strengthen compliance with non-discriminatory legislation;"

(c) Paragraph 103 (a) was revised to read as follows:

"As a matter of priority, review and revise legislation, where appropriate, with a view to introducing effective legislation, including on violence against

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women, and take other necessary measures to ensure that all women and girls are protected against all forms of physical, psychological and sexual violence, and are provided recourse to justice;"

(d) Paragraph 103 (d) was revised to read as follows:

"Develop, adopt and fully implement laws and other measures as appropriate, such as policies and educational programmes, to eradicate harmful customary or traditional practices, including female genital mutilation, early and forced marriage and so-called honour crimes, which are violations of the human rights of women and girls and obstacles to the full enjoyment by women of their human rights and fundamental freedoms, and to intensify efforts, in cooperation with local women's groups, to raise collective and individual awareness on how these harmful traditional or customary practices violate women's human rights;"

(e) Paragraph 103 (g) was revised to read as follows:

"Take concrete steps, as a priority and with their full and voluntary participation, to address the impact of violence on indigenous women in order to implement appropriate, effective programmes and services to eliminate all forms of violence;"

(f) Paragraph 104 (b) was revised to read as follows:

"Devise, enforce and strengthen effective measures to combat and eliminate all forms of trafficking in women and girls through a comprehensive anti-trafficking strategy consisting of, *inter alia*, legislative measures, prevention campaigns, information exchange, assistance and protection for and reintegration of the victims and prosecution of all the offenders involved, including intermediaries;"

(g) Paragraph 104 (c) was revised to read as follows:

"Consider preventing, within the leading framework and in accordance with national policies, victims of trafficking, in particular women and girls, from being prosecuted for their illegal entry or residence, taking into account that they are victims of exploitation;"

(h) Paragraph 104 (d) was revised to read as follows:

"Consider setting up or strengthening a national coordinating mechanism, for example, a national rapporteur or an inter-agency body, with the participation of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, to encourage the exchange of information and to report on data, root causes, factors and trends in violence against women, in particular trafficking;"

(i) Paragraph 109 (c) *bis* was revised to read as follows:

"Strive to reduce the disproportionate presence of women living in poverty, in particular, rural women, by implementing national poverty eradication programmes with a focus on a gender perspective and the empowerment of women, including short- and long-term goals;"

(j) Paragraph 110 (a) was revised to read as follows:

"Create and ensure equal access to social protection systems, taking into account the specific needs of all women living in poverty, demographic changes and changes in society, to provide safeguards against the uncertainties and changes in conditions of work associated with globalization, and strive to ensure that new, flexible and emerging forms of work are adequately covered by social protection;"

(k) Paragraph 112 (b) was revised to read as follows:

"Take action at the highest levels for the continued advancement of women, in particular, by strengthening national machineries to mainstream the gender perspective to accelerate the empowerment of women in all areas and to ensure commitment to gender equality policies;"

(l) Paragraph 112 (c) was revised to read as follows:

"Provide national machineries with the necessary human and financial resources, including through exploring innovative funding schemes, so that gender mainstreaming is integrated into all policies, programmes and projects;"

(m) Paragraph 112 (f) was revised to read as follows:

"Ensure that the design of all government information policies and strategies is gender-sensitive;"

(n) Paragraph 131 (a) was revised to read as follows:

"Intensify cooperation between States of origin, transit and destination to prevent, suppress and punish trafficking in persons, especially women and children;"

(o) Paragraph 131 (b) was revised to read as follows:

"Support the ongoing negotiations on a draft protocol to prevent, suppress and punish trafficking in persons, especially women and children, to supplement the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime;"

(p) Paragraph 131 (c) was revised to read as follows:

"As appropriate, pursue and support national, regional and international strategies to reduce the risk to women and girls, including those who are refugees and displaced persons, as well as women migrant workers, of becoming victims of trafficking; strengthen national legislation by further defining the crime of trafficking in all its elements and by reinforcing the punishment accordingly; enact social and economic policies and programmes, as well as informational and awareness-raising initiatives, to prevent and combat trafficking in persons, especially women and children; prosecute perpetrators of trafficking; provide measures to support, assist and protect trafficked persons in their countries of origin and destination; and facilitate their return to and support their reintegration into their countries of origin;"

(q) Paragraph 135 (h) was deleted;

(r) Paragraph 136 (h) was deleted;

(s) Paragraph 137 (b) was deleted;

(t) Paragraph 138 (a) was revised to read as follows:

"Promote programmes for healthy active ageing that stress the independence, equality, participation and security of older women and undertake gender-specific research and programmes to address their needs;"

(u) Paragraph 138 (b) was deleted.